

CHECK CHILD SUPPORT RULES FOR RESERVE AND GUARD MOBILIZATION

The Defense Department has advised civilian employees who are Guard and Reserve members with child support obligations and whose military income is smaller than their civilian salary to review their rights and entitlements now, before they get military orders.

One scenario of concern is a reservist whose child support order is based on civilian income and doesn't take into account a possible loss of income caused by military activation. Neither the obligation to pay nor the payment due date is automatically affected by military service call-up except as the support order may state. Reservists who need relief must ask for a review and modification of the child support obligation from the appropriate state child support agency. Additional information is available at the state child support enforcement agencies gateways at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.htm#exta> and at the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Information Memorandum (IM)-01-09 at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/pol/im-01-09.htm> DoD guidance, provided under "Family Law Matters" at the secure Web site operated by the Army Judge Advocate General's Office is at <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal>.